AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 (currently amended): An optical member in which a surface of an optical material is bonded to and covered with a protective film having an outer surface roughness Ra of ~~at least~~ from 0.03 to 1 μm, wherein the protective film comprises a protective base and an adhesive layer disposed on the protective base so that the protective base can be released together with the adhesive layer from the optical material.

2 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film is disposed on one surface of the optical material, and a separator is provided on the other surface of the optical material via another adhesive layer.

3 (original): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate.

4 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate, and at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhancement plate.

5 (currently amended): An optical member in which an adhesive layer disposed on an outermost surface of an optical material is provisionally bonded to and covered with a separator having an outer surface roughness Ra of at least 0.03 μm so that the separator can be released from the optical material.

6 (original): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator is disposed on

one surface of the optical material, and a protective film is provided on the other surface of the optical material.

7 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate.

8 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate, and at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhancement plate.

9 (original): A liquid crystal display having an optical member according to claim 1.

10 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.04 to 10 μm.

11 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of at most 5 μm.

12 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 10 μm.

13 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.04 to 10 μm.

14 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of at most 5 μm.

15 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 10 μm.

16 (previously presented): A liquid crystal display having an optical member according to claim 5.

17 (previously presented): An optical member in which a surface of an optical material is bonded to and covered with a protective film having an outer surface roughness Ra of at least 0.03 μm, wherein the optical member comprises a polarizing plate having a transparent protective layer on one or both faces of a polarizing film, and the protective film is disposed on the transparent protective layer of the polarizing plate.

18 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 17, wherein the protective film is disposed on one surface of the optical material, and a separator is provided on the other surface of the optical material via an adhesive layer.

19 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 17, wherein the optical material comprises at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhancement plate.

20 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 17, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.04 to 10 μm.

21 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 17, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of at most 5 μm.

22 (previously presented): The optical member according to claim 17, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 10 μm.

23 (previously presented): A liquid crystal display having an optical member according to claim 17.

24 (previously presented): An optical member in which a surface of an optical material is bonded to and covered with a protective film having an outer surface roughness Ra of at least 0.03 μm, wherein a reflecting layer having a fine undulating structure is disposed on the protective film.

25 (previously presented): An optical member according to claim 24, wherein the

reflecting layer is formed by attaching metal directly onto the surface of the protective layer.

26 (previously presented): A liquid crystal display having an optical member according to claim 24.

27. (New): An optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 1 μm.

28. (New): An optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.06 to 1 μm.

29. (New): An optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.03 to 1 μm.

30. (New): An optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 1 μm.

31. (New): An optical member according to claim 5, wherein the separator has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.06 to 1 μm.